

Spring 2011 – Briefing from the U.S. Mission to the OECD

OECD 50th Anniversary:

- The United States is pleased that the OECD Council approved unanimously the United States as the Chair of the upcoming 50th Anniversary Ministerial in Paris on May 25-26. Secretary Hillary Clinton will lead the U.S. delegation.

Anti-Bribery:

- The Duma completed its first reading of anti-bribery legislative amendments intended to bring it into compliance with the Anti-Bribery Convention. Adherence to the Anti-Bribery Convention is one of many requirements for Russia's [accession to the OECD](#), which is currently under review by OECD committees.

Gender Initiative:

- With political and financial leadership from the United States, the [OECD Gender Project](#) was agreed to by OECD members and officially launched on International Women's Day. The project will provide families, businesses, economists, and policymakers with comparative knowledge about gender gaps, while providing a tool box of effective policies with which to diminish disparities. The last gender declaration from the OECD was in 1980.
- Ambassador Kornbluh presents initial comparative data at [Building Bridges: the Next Hundred Years of Women's Leadership](#), a conference US Ambassador to Switzerland Donald Beyer and Megan Beyer organized to bring together American and Swiss women.

Internet and Innovation:

- At the urging of the United States, the OECD will host a high-level policy forum in Paris on the ["Internet Economy: Generating Innovation and Growth."](#) The [Draft Agenda](#) for the *June 28-29 event has now been released.*
- Ambassador Kornbluh presents [Data and Diplomacy as an Engine of Economic Growth](#) at the Sorbonne in Paris, France.

Export credits:

- The new [Aviation Sector Understanding](#) was signed February 25 by participants to the Arrangement on Officially Supported Export Credits. The new ASU moves export credit financing closer to market rates in order to level the playing field among manufacturers, airlines and governments.

Education:

- In partnership with the OECD and the global federation of teachers' unions Education International, the U.S. Department of Education host an [International Education](#) Summit March 16-17 in New York City, where a small group of education ministers, teachers' organizations and teachers will share best practices and initiate an ongoing international dialogue on the teaching profession. The Summit precedes the annual Celebration of Teaching and Learning, March 18-19.
- In the run-up to the Education Summit, Ambassador Kornbluh reveals in a [Huffington Post op-ed](#), "Waking Up to the Need for Education Reform," how the OECD-PISA international education study makes the case for the President's bipartisan education reform agenda.

About the U.S. Mission to the OECD

The United States is a founding member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, an international organization composed of 34 countries with market-based economies. Shared goals include achieving sustainable economic growth and employment and a rising standard of living in member countries as well as engaging with non-members to contribute to the development of the world economy. Through its ground-breaking public policy research, 'soft law,' and effective peer reviews, the OECD is a dynamic international incubator for new ideas, providing the United States an unparalleled opportunity for engaging with other countries.